

Claims

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method for controlling a media player, comprising:
establishing at least one rule defining a predefined
user activity, said rule including at least one condition and an
action item to be performed to automatically adjust said media
player when said rule is satisfied;
10 analyzing at least one of audio and video information
focused on a user to identify said condition; and
performing said action item if said rule is satisfied.
- 15 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said user activity
suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media
player and said action item is the issuance of a command to pause
said media player.
- 20 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said user activity
suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media
player and said action item is the issuance of a command to said
media player to begin recording.
- 25 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said user activity
suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media
player and said action item is the issuance of a command to said
media player to enter a power save mode.
- 30 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said user activity is a
predefined gestural command and said action item is the issuance
of a corresponding command to said media player.
6. A method for controlling a media player, comprising:

analyzing at least one of audio and video information focused on a user to identify at least one predefined user activity; and

performing a predefined action item to automatically
5 adjust said media player when said user activity is identified.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to pause
10 said media player.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to said
15 media player to begin recording.

9. The method of claim 6, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to said
20 media player to enter a power save mode.

10. The method of claim 6, wherein said user activity is a predefined gestural command and said action item is the issuance of a corresponding command to said media player.
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11. A system for controlling a media player, comprising:
a memory for storing computer readable code; and
a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said
processor configured to:

30 establish at least one rule defining a predefined user activity, said rule including at least one condition and an action item to be performed to automatically adjust said media player when said rule is satisfied;

analyze at least one of audio and video information focused on a user to identify said condition; and
perform said action item if said rule is satisfied.

5 12. The system of claim 11, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to pause said media player.

10 13. The system of claim 11, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to said media player to begin recording.

15 14. The system of claim 11, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to said media player to enter a power save mode.

20 15. The system of claim 11, wherein said user activity is a predefined gestural command and said action item is the issuance of a corresponding command to said media player.

25 16. A system for controlling a media player, comprising:
a memory for storing computer readable code; and
a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

30 analyze at least one of audio and video information focused on a user to identify at least one predefined user activity; and

perform a predefined action item to automatically adjust said media player when said user activity is identified.

17. The system of claim 16, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to pause said media player.

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18. The system of claim 16, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to said media player to begin recording.

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19. The system of claim 16, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to said media player to enter a power save mode.

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20. The system of claim 16, wherein said user activity is a predefined gestural command and said action item is the issuance of a corresponding command to said media player.

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21. An article of manufacture for controlling a media player, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising:

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a step to establish at least one rule defining a predefined user activity, said rule including at least one condition and an action item to be performed to automatically adjust said media player when said rule is satisfied;

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a step to analyze at least one of audio and video information focused on a user to identify said condition; and

a step to perform said action item if said rule is satisfied.

22. An article of manufacture for controlling a media player, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code

5 means comprising:

a step to analyze at least one of audio and video information focused on a user to identify at least one predefined user activity; and

a step to perform a predefined action item to
10 automatically adjust said media player when said user activity is identified.